(a) whether Government has identified families living below the poverty line prior to the Food Security Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is of the view that for the proper implementation of the scheme identification of poor people should be in a proper manner, otherwise, the benefits of the scheme would be taken by dominant people; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government for proper identification of BPL families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) For proper targeting of poor families to be covered for entitlement for distribution of foodgrains under the proposed law, it is imperative to identify correctly such families.

Different aspects of the proposed Act, including estimates of poverty and methodology for identification of eligible below poverty line families, are presently being examined by Government.

**Rottening of foodgrains in FCI godowns**

954. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of foodgrains is rotted every year in the godowns of FCI;

(b) if so, the details of rotten foodgrains during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise;

(c) the reasons for such negligence; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials/authority guilty for rottening of foodgrains during last three years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some quantities of foodgrains with Food Corporation of India (FCI) are damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclones, floods, acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions. The damaged foodgrains accrued in the godowns of FCI during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise are given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The foodgrains are stored by following scientific code of practices for storage. Timely prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out for the control of stored grains insect pests. However, during periodical inspections by various authorities if some quantities of foodgrains are found damaged due to negligence of some officials, suitable disciplinary actions are initiated against them.

***Statement***

*Quantities of damaged foodgrains accrued in the godowns of F.C.I. during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise*

*(Fig in tons)*

| Sl. No. | Region | Wheat | | | Rice | | | Paddy | | | Maize | | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 1. | Bihar | 27 | 455 | 6 | 683 | 5403 | 8 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 713 | 5858 | 14 |
| 2. | Jharkhand | 42 | 46 | 1 | — | 11 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 42 | 57 | 15 |
| 3. | Orissa | — | — | — | 35 | 759 | 84 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 35 | 759 | 84 |
| 4. | West Bengal | 230 | 24 | 84 | 288 | 765 | 1705 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 518 | 789 | 1789 |
| 5. | Assam | — | 52 | — | 4905 | 99 | 83 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4905 | 151 | 83 |
| 6. | NEF | — | — | — | 1552 | 141 | 212 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1552 | 141 | 212 |
| 7. | N&M | — | — | — | 5 | 362 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 362 | 6 |
| 8. | Delhi | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 9. | Haryana | 9 | — | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | — | 16 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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| 11. | Jammu and Kashmir | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 12. | Punjab | 16 | — | 26 | 14074 | 23118 | 16772 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 14090 | 23118 | 16798 |
| 13. | Rajasthan | 38 | 4 | — | 17 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 55 | 18 | — |
| 14. | Uttar Pradesh | 7 | 9 | 62 | 2 | 31 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | 40 | 62 |
| 15. | Uttaranchal | 3 | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 4 |
| 16. | Andhra Pradesh | 15 | — | — | 415 | 139 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 430 | 139 | — |
| 17. | Kerala | 244 | — | 7 | 54 | 42 | 91 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 298 | 42 | 98 |
| 18. | Karnataka | 28 | — | — | 936 | 1459 | 74 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 964 | 1459 | 74 |
| 19. | Tamil Nadu | 2 | — | 1 | 35 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| 20. | Gujarat | 195 | 270 | 620 | 13 | 56 | 31 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 4(*) | 211 | 326 | 655 |
| 21. | Maharashtra | 60 | 51 | 110 | 1230 | 139 | 79 | — | 401 | — | — | — | — | 1290 | 591 | 189 |
| 22. | Madhya Pradesh | 87 | 13 | 14 | 62 | 63 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 149 | 76 | 14 |
| 23. | Chhattisgarh | 1 | — | — | 2 | 13 | — | 35 | 486 | — | — | — | — | 38 | 499 | — |
| | TOTAL: | 1004 | 924 | 947 | 24308 | 32615 | 19163 | 38 | 887 | — | 3 | — | 4(*) | 25353 | 34426 | 20114 |

(*) Other foodgrains